

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A moisture proof liner for an elongated container for use in shipping cargo, comprising:

four elongated panels of impervious film adapted to substantially match the elongated sides, top and bottom of said container;

first and second end panels to complete said liner;

an access opening along at least one side panel adapted for loading and unloading said cargo; and

a closure for said opening to seal said liner against moisture to protect the cargo.

2. (Original) The liner of Claim 1, wherein said access opening includes an open tube attached at one end to extend laterally from said opening to thereby form a passage for loading and unloading said cargo.

3. (Original) The liner of Claim 2, wherein said liner and said tube are formed of plastic sheet and a heat seal bead extending around said orifice between said one side panel and the adjacent one end of said tube.

4. (Original) The liner of Claim 3, wherein said closure is formed by a tie around the tube adjacent the other end and adapted to be tucked inside said container after loading.

5. (Original) The liner of Claim 1, wherein the access opening is approximately at the mid-point of said one side panel.

6. (Original) The liner of Claim 1, wherein is provided a second access opening including a tube in the second side panel substantially opposite the first opening for also loading/unloading said cargo and a second closure for said second opening.

7. (Currently Amended) The liner of Claim 1, wherein the side panels include gussets folds to allow expansion for substantially filling said container when said panels are fully extended.

8. (Currently Amended) The liner of Claim 7, wherein said first and second end panels are formed by folded end sections of the gusseted side panels and a heat seal bead extending across ~~the gussets~~ the folds of said end sections.

9. (Original) A method of installing a moisture proof liner for an elongated container for use in shipping cargo, comprising the steps of:

providing said liner having four elongated panels of impervious film adapted to substantially match the elongated sides, top and bottom of said container and first and second end panels to complete said liner;

cutting an access opening along at least one side panel adapted for loading and unloading said cargo;

positioning said liner in the container;

erecting the liner to substantially fill the same;

transferring said cargo through said opening; and

closing the opening to seal said liner against moisture to protect the cargo.

10. (Original) The method of installing a liner of Claim 9, wherein is further provided the step of:

attaching an open ended tube to said one side panel to mate with the opening; and

passing said cargo through both said tube and said opening during transfer.

11. (Original) The method of installing a liner of Claim 10, wherein is further provided the step of:

holding open the free end of said tube overhead by lifting the upper corners and for protection from increment weather during cargo transfer.

12. (New) The liner of claim 1 in combination with a source of air for erecting the liner.

13. (New) A liner for an elongated container for use in shipping cargo, comprising:  
four elongated panels of impervious film adapted to substantially match the elongated sides, top and bottom of said container, each of said elongated panels having a first length;

first and second end panels to complete said liner, each of said first and second end panels having a second length less than the first length; and

an access opening along at least one side panel adapted for loading and unloading said cargo.

14. (New) The liner of claim 13, wherein said liner is free-standing when erected in said container.

15. (New) The liner of claim 13, wherein said first and second end panels are free of any openings.

16. (New) The liner of claim 13 in combination with a manifold including a plurality of orifices for enabling installation of the liner via air pressure.

17. (New) A liner for an elongated container for use in shipping cargo, comprising:  
elongated top, bottom, first side and second side panels of impervious film adapted to substantially match the elongated top, bottom and sides of said container;  
uninterrupted first and second end panels free of any openings to complete said liner;

a first access opening along said first side panel adapted for loading and unloading said cargo; and

a second access opening along said second side panel substantially opposite said first opening for also loading and unloading said cargo.

18. (New) The liner of claim 17, wherein said liner is free-standing when erected in said container.

19. (New) A method of installing a liner for an elongated container for use in shipping cargo, comprising the steps of:

providing said liner having four elongated panels of impervious film adapted to substantially match the elongated sides, top and bottom of said container and first and second end panels to complete said liner;

forming an access opening along at least one side panel adapted for loading and unloading said cargo; and

positioning said liner in the container such that said liner is free-standing.

20. (New) The method of installing a liner of Claim 19, wherein the positioning step includes using air to erect the liner.